25.7.4.6 Director recommended 2 projects by linking them with 2 projects sanctioned earlier circumventing the need for fresh proposal.

25.7.4.7 Project was sanctioned to the VO without any project proposal by linking it with an earlier project which was also evaluated by the same Director and without registration certificate, bye-laws of the organisation, list of villages etc.

25.7.4.8 Project was sanctioned to a Bihar based VO on the basis of favourabler funding report of the Monitor which was found non-existent.

25.7.4.9 3 organisations which were working under one individual were sanctioned projects.

25.7.4.10 Funds were released in 3 installments between June 1993 to December 1993 without receipt of progress reports.

25.7.4.11 Projects were sanctiond to a VO on the basis of prefunding report prepared by Council's own Director who vouched the credibility of the VO during his personal visit of Bihar.

25.8 Pariodical progress reports/ completion reports were not obtained as a result 92% of the projects were found to be shown as incomplete though 95% of the projects sanctioned were of a short duration of 6 months to 1 year.

25.8.2 "Nexus between officials of the Council including monitors in cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy and misappropriation of Government funds".

Allocation of funds to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads

1662. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocation to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of villages in Azamgarh, Mau and Mujaffarnagar districts of Uttar Pradesh which have been connected by roads; and

(c) the number of villages in Azamgarh, Mau and Mujaffarnagar district likely to be connected by roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL)

(a) a total amount of Rs. 1,790.57 Crores was allocated to Uttar Pradesh for construction of roads during the last three years, i.e., Rs. 416.46 in 1995-96, Rs. 498.01 in 1996-97 and Rs. 876.10 in 1997-98.

(b) and (c) Roads in a State subject. The State Governments are responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads. The Government of India does not monitor the district-wise coverage of villages connected by roads.

Amount released to Assam for RD Projects

1663. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been given by the Central Government to Assam Government in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, upto 28th February, 1999 for projects to be taken up under D.R.D.A., like J.R.Y., M.W.S. and E.A.S.;

(b) the amount spent by the D.R.D.A., Silchar in respect of above schemes during the same period;

(c) whether Government are aware of misappropriation of funds and corrupt practices indulged into by D.R.D.A., Silchar; and

(d) whether Government are making any enquiry into the matter, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL):

(a) The Central Government has released following amount of Central Assistance to the Stage of Assam under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Million Wells Scheme (MWS) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, upto 28 February, 1999:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	JRY	MWS	EAS
1996-97	3186.93	1050.14	10820.00
1997-98	5524.15	1210.22	8592.00
1998-99 (up to Feb. 99)	13064.73	3022.41	80,28.00

(b) Silchar is a Block not a District. It is district headquarters of Cachar district. The utilisation figures received from the State Government are only upto January, 1999. Accordingly, the amount utilised by Cachar district, in respect of JRY, MWS and EAS is given as below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	JRY	MWS	EAS
1996-97	208.82	10.39	403.24
1997-98	208.66	60.99	563.05
1998-99 (up to Jan. 99)	108.66	64.50	374.70

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An enquiry was made by a team of official from Directorate of Panchayat and Rural Development Assam. On the basis of enquiry, action has been initiated against the officials involved in misappropriation and corruption.

Programmes for eradication of poverty

1664. DR. B.B. DUTTA:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented by the present Government for eradication of poverty in the country, particularly in rural, backward and tribal areas;

(b) targets set and achievements made under each programme, State-wise;

(c) the total amount allocated for this purpose and out of that how much amount has been utilised; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this direction to eradicate poverty in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL):

(a) to (d) No new scheme has been implemented by the present Government for eradication of poverty in the country. However, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) and Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), are being implemented during 1998-99 in the rural areas of the country, including backward and tribal areas. Targets and achievements under these schemes for 1998-99 are indicated in Annexure. (Appendix 186, Annexure No. 32) Total amount allocated and utilised during 1998-99 is given in Annexure [Appendix 186, Annexure No. 33]

उड़ीसा, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में रोजगार अवसरों का सृजन

1665. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या ग्रामीण भूमिहीन रोजगार गारंटी कार्यक्रम, जवाहर रोजगार योजना का एक भाग है, जिसे सरकार अत्यधिक लोकप्रिय बनाने का प्रयास कर रही है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उड़ीसा, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में ग्रामीण और आदिवासी भूमिहीन